

## Charles T. Baker Papers

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### Biographical Note:

Charles T. Baker was born in 1871 in the town of Norwalk, Ohio. When Baker was in his teens he was apprenticed by his parents to work for a printing business in North Carolina. Upon completing his apprenticeship he returned to Norwalk to work for the Fair Publishing House. In 1898 he moved to Rockport in Spencer County, Indiana, where he took a job with the Rockport Journal and then with the Rockport Democrat. Baker is best known as a historian of Spencer County and publisher of the Grandview Monitor, which he founded in 1905, after relocating to Grandview from Rockport. It was in the Monitor that Baker published his writings on the history of Abraham Lincoln's life in Spencer County. Because of his research and scholarship, Baker became a well-respected expert on Lincoln's life in southern Indiana.

#### *Source:*

Roll, Charles. Indiana: One Hundred and Fifty Years of American Development. Vol. 5. Chicago: The Lewis Publishing Company, 1931. 64-65.

### Scope and Content Note:

This collection consists primarily of Baker's letters to Thelma M. Murphy of Indianapolis. Murphy was able to obtain resources that furthered Baker's research into the history of Spencer County, and especially Abraham Lincoln. Also contained in this collection are clippings from the Grandview Monitor of Baker's writings on subjects related to his correspondence with Murphy.

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### Folder Listing:

#### Folder

1. Correspondence and clippings, 1936-1941

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